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1. European Patent Application No. 1 065 642 A
2. European Patent Application No. 1 170 172 A
3. German Patent Application No. 101 03 924 A
4. U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/010540 A1

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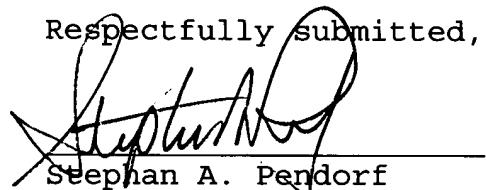
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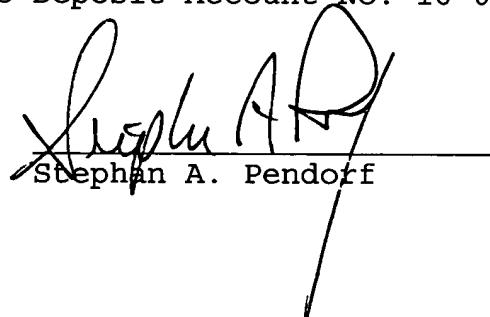
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